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FOL CINCPACREP GUAM SENT ACTION SECSTATE OCT 18; REPEATED
TO YOU QUOTE

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GUAM IATF CLOSEOUT

1. THIS MESSAGE OUTLINES REMAINING TASKS OR PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO CLOSEOUT OF GUAM IATF, AND PROVIDES TARGET DATES FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT. REQUEST IATF WASHINGTON APPROVAL FOR PLANNING AND NECESSARY ACTION THERE TO PERMIT COMPLETE CLOSEOUT WITHOUT UNNECESSARY DELAY.

A. COMPLETE RESETTLEMENT OF 26 FISHERMAN FAMILIES TOTALLING 168 PEOPLE. ALL ARRANGEMENTS MADE. HOUSING NEARLY READY. ANTICIPATE ALL FAMILIES MOVED BY OCTOBER 22. WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THROUGH OCTOBER 31.

B. MOVE 75 TCN FROM TOKHU TO ADMINISTRATIVE AREA OF CAMP ASAN BY OCTOBER 21. RETAIN TCN UNDER IATF SUPERVISION UNTIL JOBS AND HOUSING ARRANGED LOCALLY, OR UNTIL THE APPEAL PROCESS IS COMPLETE AND THEIR STATUS RESOLVED OR UNTIL IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE MAKES THE RECOMMENDED DECISION TO PERMIT THEIR ENTRY INTO THE US.

C. SHIP 86 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND ONE US CITIZEN (.4. CLEVELAND) WITH DESTINATIONS IN THE US TO THOSE DESTINATIONS BY COMMERCIAL AIR. MAJORITY FOR FIG AND SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY OCTOBER 22. SCHEDULE BEING WORKED UP.

D. THERE IS A MORAL OBLIGATION ON THE PART OF THE TASK FORCE HERE TO VALIDATE THE NUMBERS OF VIETNAMESE NOW LIVING ON GUAM, TO
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DOCUMENT THE UNDOCUMENTED RESETTLEMENT CASES, ESTIMATED TO INCLUDE

300 PEOPLE, AND TO ASCERTAIN THERE ARE NO SOCIAL TIME BOMBS PLANTED THAT WILL EMBARRASS IATF WASHINGTON AFTER DISESTABLISHMENT OF GUAM IATF. WE PLAN TO USE ALL CURRENTLY ASSIGNED IATF PERSONNEL THRU OCTOBER 31 AND A SELECTED FEW THEREAFTER TO PERFORM THIS PROJECT. ESTIMATED COMPLETION IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

1. WITH COMPLETION OF ALL PROJECTS AND TASKS ANTICIPATED BY OCTOBER 31 AND KNOWLEDGE OF RECEPTION OF REJECTION OF THE VIETNAM THUONG TIN ONE IN HAND, WE FACE THE REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN A SMALL REPRESENTATION HERE SIMPLY TO HELP SETTLE THE TCN HERE OF GUAM. THIS CAN GO ON INDEFINITELY. RECOMMEND INS BE APPROACHED TO REVERSE THEIR 8-9 SEPTEMBER RULING AND ALLOW THE TCN'S TO BE MOVED TO THE US, ABSORBED INTO US SOCIETY. THESE ARE HIGHLY SKILLED TECHNICIANS, ENGINEERS, EQUIPMENT OPERATORS, MECHANICS, AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO SHOULD BE MOST WELCOME ADDITIONS TO THE US SOCIETY. THEIR ASSISTANCE TO THE USA IS A MATTER OF RECORD AND WE CANNOT IGNORE THAT. WITH A FAVORABLE INS DECISION, WE COULD CLOSE IATF GUAM BY 7 NOVEMBER INCLUDING TURN IN ON EQUIPMENT AND AFTER ACTION REPORT. HERBERT SENDS. UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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